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Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Apr. 4	U. S. S. Dubuque.....	Guantanamo, Cuba.	170	.....	.....
4	Imperator.....	New Orleans via Cape Gracias, Nicaragua.	22	7	0

PERU.

Reports from Lima—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Status of plague in Peru—Plague at Callao—Smallpox at Lima—Plague in Chilean ports.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gutierrez reports, March 25 and 27:

Week ended March 20. Bills of health issued to the British steamship *Guatemala* and to the United States dredge *Clatsop*, with an aggregate personnel of 138 members in the crew and 68 cabin and 24 steerage passengers.

The following is the latest report on plague in Peru received from the Director de Salubridad Pública:

Locality.	Cases, Mar. 5.	New.	Recovered.	Died.	Remaining, Mar. 11.
Department of Lima.....	14	.....	3	.....	11
Department of Callao.....	6	.....	4	.....	2
Department of Libertad.....	36	17	6	6	41
Department of Lambayeque.....	16	*9	*5	*1	*20
Department of Cajamarca.....	11	*2	(*)	*1	*6
Department of Arequipa.....	3	1	1	1	2
Department of Piura.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2

The figures with the sign (*) have been miswired. Since March 14, 2 cases of plague have been reported at Callao.

Bills of health report plague in Chile as follows: Antofagasta March 8: 17 cases in 2 weeks; no deaths. Iquique, March 10, 13 cases in the lazaretto; in 2 weeks, 7 cases and 6 deaths.

Week ended March 27. Five vessels fumigated and dispatched with an aggregate personnel of 173 members in the crew and 111 cabin and 54 steerage passengers.

The following is the latest report on plague in Peru received from the Director de Salubridad Publica:

Locality.	Cases Mar. 12.	New.	Recovered.	Died.	Remaining Mar. 18.
Department of Lima.....	11	2	2	.....	11
Department of Callao.....	2	1	.....	1	2
Department of Libertad.....	41	6	10	3	34
Department of Lambayeque.....	20	12	2	9	21
Department of Arequipa.....	2	1	2	1	0
Department of Piura.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Department of Cajamarca.....	6	3	.....	2	7

Since March 25, 2 new cases of plague have occurred at Callao.

There is only one case of smallpox in the lazaretto at Lima.

Bills of health report plague in Chile as follows: Antofagasta, March 20, 24 cases, isolated. Iquique, March 21, 13 cases in the lazaretto; 10 cases and 7 deaths in 2 weeks.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce—Transactions of service, month of March, 1909.

Acting Assisting Surgeon Ferrer-Torres reports, April 1:

Month of March, 1909.

Vessels inspected.....	15
Disinfected.....	4
In quarantine.....	8
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming.....	71
In transit.....	716
Passengers in quarantine.....	7
Immigrants inspected.....	15
Members of crews inspected.....	738
Bills of health issued.....	41
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	7

RUSSIA.

Report from Libau—Status of cholera at St. Petersburg—Steamship to be used as detention barracks for emigrants.

Acting Assistant Surgeon De Forrest reports, April 3:

From March 27 to 31, inclusive, there were 13 cases of cholera with 3 deaths at St. Petersburg.

From this date the Russian-America Line will hold one of its steamships in the harbor to serve as barracks for emigrants.

VENEZUELA.

Organization of Commission of Public Hygiene.

The following decree creating a commission of public hygiene is received from the American minister at Caracas, through the Department of State, under date of April 6:

Whereas it is necessary that there should be a consulting and technical board for studying and resolving scientifically questions of hygiene and public health until congress can legislate on this important branch of the administration—

DECREES.

ARTICLE 1.—There is hereby created, provisionally, in the city of Caracas, and under the minister of the interior, a consulting and technical board to be called the commission of public hygiene.